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SUBJECT: FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE: THOMAS H. COULTER, CHIEF  
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1. CHICAGO ASSOCIATION OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (CACI)

PLANS TO HOST CHICAGO INTERNATIONAL TRADE EXPOSITION (CITE) JULY 1-18, 1976 AT NAVY PIER TO PROMOTE TRADE, TOURISM AND INVESTMENT AND TO CELEBRATE BICENTENNIAL. CACI PLANS TO INVITE OFFICIAL AND PRIVATE PARTICIPATION BY ALL COUNTRIES MAINTAINING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH U.S. AND LOOKS FORWARD TO EXPOSITION ATTENDANCE BY 25,000 REGISTERED BUYERS AND 500,000 OF GENERAL PUBLIC. CITY OF CHICAGO IS SPENDING 7.2 MILLION DOLLARS TO PREPARE EXPOSITION SITE AND

CACI IS BUDGETING 1 MILLION DOLLARS TO SPONSOR EVENT. EXHIBIT SITE WILL BE EQUIPPED TO HANDLE VIRTUALLY ANY TYPE OF INDUSTRIAL OR CULTURAL EXHIBIT. MAYOR RICHARD J. DALEY IS HONORARY CHAIRMAN OF PROJECT AND CACI CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER THOMAS H. COULTER WILL OVERSEE EXPOSITION PREPARATIONS.

2. COULTER, WHO IS PERSONAL FRIEND OF DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL, EXPECTS TO TRAVEL TO JAPAN WEEK OF NOVEMBER 10 TO ATTEND 9TH ANNUAL MIDWEST-JAPAN ASSOCIATION MEETING AND TO CONFER WITH JAPANESE RE CITE. HE WILL SUBSEQUENTLY VISIT OTHER ADDRESSEE POSTS IN CONNECTION WITH EXPOSITION. (ACCORDING TO COULTER, JAPAN ALREADY PLANNING LARGE PARTICIPATION FROM BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS).

3. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE ADDRESSEES RENDERING EVERY APPROPRIATE FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE TO COULTER AND ANY OTHER EXPOSITION OFFICIALS. ALTHOUGH EXPOSITION IS NOT BEING HELD UNDER USG AUSPICES AND HAS NO DEPARTMENT ENDORSEMENT, IT MAY BE ONE OF MOST SIGNIFICANT INTERNATIONAL TRADE EVENTS TAKING PLACE IN U.S.A. DURING 1976. DEPARTMENT HOPES THAT EXPOSITION SPONSORS WILL OBTAIN WIDE PARTICIPATION FROM THOSE INVITED.

4. COULTER WILL CONTACT EMBASSIES UPON ARRIVAL. DEPARTMENT WILL ALSO TRY TO SEND COMPLETE ITINERARY WHEN KNOWN. INGERSOLL

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